

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 10, 2006

FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT ARRESTED

A former employee of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department was arrested by SLED agents on Monday, July 10, 2006, and charged with **Obstruction of Justice, Forgery, and Embezzlement of Public Funds.**

The former employee is identified as **Melissa Price McDowell**, 39, of 811 North Harper Street, Laurens, South Carolina. She was arrested on Monday afternoon at approximately 12:05 p.m. and was booked at the R. Eugene Johnson Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department. The case will be prosecuted by the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

* Warrants Attached.

ARREST WARRANT

K- 131122

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LAURENS COUNTY

THE STATE

against

MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE

Address: 811 NORTH HARPER STREET
LAURENS, SC 29360Phone: ~~864-682-1693~~ SSN: - -

Sex: F Race: B Height: " Weight: "

DL State: DL#:

DOB: 02/17/1967 Agency ORI#:

Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer: MADDEN, DEBBIE S

Offense: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Offense Code: 0118

Code/Ordinance Sec. C/L 17-25-30

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE

7-10-06

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

PAUL D. LYLES

TEMPLETON RD. PO. BOX 925
LAURENS, SC 29360

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LAURENS COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 618

Personally appeared before me the affiant MADDEN, DEBBIE S who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE
did within this county and state on 03/23/06 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of LAURENS)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
C/L 17-25-30

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

D S MADDEN STATES UNDER OATH UPON INVESTIGATION THAT MELISSA P MCDOWELL
DID BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1, 2004 THRU MARCH 23, 2006, WHILE EMPLOYED AS A
COUNSELOR FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT IN THE
COUNTY OF LAURENS, OFFER MONEY TO A WITNESS DURING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
TO GIVE FALSE STATEMENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT REGARDING CHECKS ISSUED BY THE
SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT. THE FACTS ARE BASED
ON STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTS. THIS OCCURRED IN LAURENS COUNTY.

Signature of Affiant

Debbie S. Madden

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LAURENS
Affiant's Address 301 E NORTH ST SUITE 127
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Affiant's Telephone 864 467-8111 000-0000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on 03/23/06 defendant MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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C/L 17-25-30

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on

7-10-06

Paul D. Lyles (LS.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 787

PAUL D. LYLES

ORIGINAL

Judge's Address TEMPLETON RD. PO. BOX 925
LAURENS, SC 29360

Judge's Telephone 864 683-4485

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

K- 131120

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LAURENS COUNTYTHE STATE
against

MCDOWELL, MELISSA PRICE

Address: 811 NORTH HARPER STREET
LAURENS, SC 29360

Phone: 864-683-4485 SSN: - -

Sex: F Race: B Height: " Weight: "

DL State: DL#:

DOB: 02/17/1967 Agency ORI#:

Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer: MADDEN, DEBBIE S

Offense: FORGERY, OVER \$5,000.

Offense Code: 0491

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-13-10(B)(1)

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(LS.)

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Signature of Affiant

Debbie S Madden

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on 7-10-06

Signature of Issuing Judge (LS.)

Judge Code: 787

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K- 131121

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Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer: MADDEN, DEBBIE S

Offense: EMBEZZLEMENT/EMBEZZLEMENT

PUBLIC FUNDS >\$5000 Offense Code: 527

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-13-0210(1)

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